WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A processing system comprising:

a timer; and

a control unit monitoring a button for instructing an execution of an image photographing process, starting up said timer if said button is depressed continuously for a predetermined time or longer, and executing the image photographing process after said timer has counted a predetermined time.

2. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said control unit, if a depressing time of said button is less than the predetermined time, executes the image photographing process immediately after releasing said button from being depressed.

3. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said button is provided on a connectable/disconnectable image acquisition device.

4. A processing system according to claim 1, wherein said button is an object displayed on a display device.

5. A processing system comprising:

a module detecting a depressing time of a button instructing an execution of an image photographing process; and

a module changing a timing of executing the image photographing process after releasing said button from being

depressed on the basis of the depressing time of said button.

6. An image photographing system comprising:

a button instructing an execution of an image photographing

5 process;

a control unit monitoring a depression of said button;

and

a timer,

wherein said control unit starts up said timer by setting

10 a first count time upon detecting the depression of said button,

and starts up said timer by further setting a second count time

when the first count time has elapsed before the depressed button

is released, and

the image photographing process is executed after the

15 second count time has elapsed.

7. An image photographing system according to claim 6,

wherein the image photographing process is executed immediately

when the depressed button is released before the first count

20 time elapses.

8. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible

embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine

to perform method steps comprising:

25 detecting a depression of a button for instructing to

execute an image photographing process;

starting up a timer by setting a first count time after

detecting the depression of said button;

detecting a release of said button;

starting up said timer by further setting a second count time when the first count time elapses before said depressed

5 button is released; and

executing the image photographing process after the second count time has elapsed.

9. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible

10 embodying a program according to claim 8, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising a step of executing the image photographing process immediately when said depressed button is released before the first count time elapses.

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10. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps comprising:

displaying, on a display device, a button of which a

20 depression is detectable;

detecting a depression of said button;

starting up a timer by setting a first count time after detecting the depression of said button;

detecting a release of said button;

25 starting up said timer by further setting a second count time when the first count time elapses before said depressed button is released; and

executing the image photographing process after the second count time has elapsed.

11. A storage medium readable by a machine tangible embodying a program according to claim 10, of instructions executable by the machine, the method steps further comprising a step of executing the image photographing process immediately when said depressed button is released before the first count time elapses.